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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

Richter et al.

Examiner

H. Garcia

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE three MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/16/02.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

Part III DETAILED ACTION

1. This office is in response to the amendment filed 10/16/02.
Claims 1-8 and 10 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371[©] of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claims 1-8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hagiuda et al. (6,182,225).

With regard to claim 1; Hagiuda et al. teaches a printing system (e.g. fig. 1), comprising: a network (100, or 110); a plurality of client computers (112 and 112) coupled the network

(110), each client computer comprising a print job (reads on fig. 1, which allows computers to submit print jobs to different printers within the network system); a print server (115 and/or 113) coupled to the network (110), the print server (113 and 115) comprising a print queue (col. 63, lines 44-50), the printer server adapted to receive the print jobs via the network from the client computers and provide the print jobs to the print queue (see figs. 1), and to provide status information about the print jobs and the print queue (e.g. col. 13, lines 24-41 and figs. 7-8); an output printing device (e.g. 116 or 117) coupled to the print server (115), the output printing device comprising a feature (col. 13, lines 30-39), the output printing device adapted to receive the print jobs from the print server and print the print jobs ;and an administrative link (reads on col. 16, line 28 thru col. 18, line 61, any of the PCS can be transformed into an administrator), connected to the network, the administrative adapted to receive and display the feature, the print job status information and the print queue status information, and adapted to manage the print jobs of each of the client computers on the output printing device (reads on figs 7,8,9, and fig. 100).

With regard to claims 2 and/or 3, Hagiuda et al. teaches wherein the output printing device is a printer or copier (e.g. figure 1, item 110 or 117).

With regard to claims 4 and 7, Hagiuda et al. teaches wherein the at least one of the plurality of features is a paper output (or input) tray information (e.g. col. 18 and table 6).

With regard to claims 5 and 6, Hagiuda et al. teaches wherein said at least one of said plurality of features is teaches wherein said output printing device is toner level information or fuser level information (col. 13, lines 29-39 and col. 40).

With regard to claim 8, Hagiuda et al. teaches wherein said at least one of said plurality of features is output printing device service information (e.g. col. 13, lines 30-38).

With regard to claim 10, Hagiuda et al. further teaches one of the client computers further comprises a client a client print server link adapted to receive and display the feature, and the print job status information from the print server a client print server link on at least one of the at least one client computers for receiving and displaying the at least one of the plurality of features from said output printing device through the network connection, and for receiving and displaying status of each of the at least one print job sent to the output printing device from client computer (e.g. cols. 16-18 and col. 64, lines

44-51).

Conclusion

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to pending claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Gabriel I. Garcia** whose telephone number is (703) 305-8751. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 7:30 AM-6:00 PM. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 872-9314.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

GABRIEL GARCIA
PRIMARY EXAMINER

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gabriel Garcia". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Gabriel I. Garcia
Primary Examiner
January 10, 2003